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a. Basic Intelligence Program. A full scale interdepartmental effort, under CIG coordination and direction, toward the development and execution of the National Intelligence Surveys is currently blocked pending JCS action on:

(1) Review and comment on IAB #1.

(2) Review and approval of the JIC proposal to transfer the functions and responsibilities of JISPB to CIG, and final approval of IAB #1 by the NIA.

The Chief, Naval Intelligence, has offered comments to the Director of Central Intelligence on the outline and format of the proposed NIS Program. These have been forwarded to the other IAB members for information and with the suggestion by the DCI that the IAB agencies undertake immediately a study of the proposed NIS outline so that the ad hoc committee appointed to develop an NIS outline may have before it the considered opinion of the IAB agencies at its initial meeting.

b. Scientific Intelligence Program. On 9 July 1947, representatives of CIG, the IAB agencies and JRDB convened to discuss the subject of National Scientific Intelligence Requirements. Essential agreement was reached on the following points:

(1) That coordination of effort in the field was required and would be supported.

(2) That an inter-change between agencies of monthly reports summarizing intelligence research projects currently in process, and projected, by CIG and each IAB agency would facilitate coordination of effort and programming of intelligence research activities, scientific and otherwise, by all agencies.

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Tentative National Scientific Intelligence Requirements have been developed by ORE in collaboration with JRDB based upon consideration of those already established independently by Air, Army and Navy intelligence agencies, and in augmentation thereof.

Based upon a 17 July meeting with JRDB representatives, ORE initiated a project with a 1 September deadline to develop the scientific and technological capabilities of USSR which influence the national defense economy of the United States as of 1949.

The establishment of an officially approved working relationship between the Nuclear Energy Group and the Atomic Energy Commission has not as yet materialized. The CIG proposed plan was submitted to AEC on 14 April 1947.

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III. PROPOSALS FOR IMPROVEMENT

1. Paragraph 4 of the minutes of the 114th IAB Meeting reveals that the AEC memorandum, Subject: Atomic Energy Intelligence, was circulated to the IAB. It is believed that this and similar proposals having, or bearing on, substantive intelligence problems should be referred simultaneously to ORE and the IAB agencies. In principle, it is affirmed that ORE, as the exclusive intelligence research facility of the Director of Central Intelligence, should be accorded an opportunity to consider and submit to the Director of Central Intelligence, in advance of his meeting with the IAB, its recommendations regarding IAB matters pertaining to intelligence research and production. The ORE interests in such matters differ from those of ICAPS, not necessarily in principle but primarily in orientation. Accordingly, it is recommended that IAB papers, or those submitted for IAB consideration which contain intelligence research or production interests or implications, be referred to ORE simultaneously with their distribution to the IAB agencies in order that ORE recommendations on such papers may reach the Director of Central Intelligence prior to IAB meetings thereon.

2. It is believed that each IAB agency should endeavor to measure, in terms of manpower based upon its responsibilities, the minimum strength for its intelligence collection and producing facility required to provide total intelligence coverage within its sphere of responsibility; further, that present strength and coverage capabilities of each agency be compared to minimum required strength and coverage; and finally, that this data be analyzed by CIG in collaboration with the IAB agencies with a view toward determining: the existence of vital gaps in intelligence coverage; the possibility

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of pooling resources for more efficient intelligence production in fields of common concern; and finally, the composite scale of effort required to assure, from an intelligence viewpoint, total national security. This action is essential in order to proceed with effective implementation of IAB #1 and the production of national intelligence appropriate to the CIG operational level.

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